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***Second Defendant from Washington State Sentenced to Life in Prison  
for His Role in the Largest Turtle Mountain Drug Conspiracy***

**FARGO** - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced today that on November 13, 2009, **Miguel Angel Zamudio-Orosco, a/k/a Miguel Zamudio**, of Washington State, was sentenced to life in prison before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson for his role in a drug conspiracy that centered around the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.

**Zamudio-Orosco**, 41, was found guilty by a 12-person jury on August 17, 2009, of conspiring with other co-defendants to possess with intent to distribute and distribute in excess of 500 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance.

**Zamudio-Orosco** is one of 24 co-defendants who was indicted in this drug conspiracy case that hit the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation. According to evidence, the drug conspiracy organization imported over 150 pounds of methamphetamine into North Dakota from Mexico and Eastern Washington from 2002 through 2007.

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The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Assistant United States Attorneys Chris Myers, Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl, and former U.S. Attorney Drew H. Wrigley prosecuted the case.

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